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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE


Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application. The Examiner indicated that "claims 1 and 7 recite, inter alia, 'an electric field detecting apparatus for detecting a change in an electric field caused by a voltage applied to the sample.' The art of record does not disclose the above limitations, nor would it be obvious to modify the art of record so as to include the above limitations."

Applicants believe that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is improper. While Applicants believe that all of the claims are allowable and patentably distinguish over the art of record, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides only in each of the listed features, nor that each and every feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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